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LABOR IS CHILLY TO GOMPERS PLEA

Only Third of Union Audience Agrees to Support Wilson

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, speaking yesterday afternoon at the Hippodrome to 1,200 union workers, was visibly disconcerted when, after he had requested their views, a large proportion of his audience failed to signify a preference for Woodrow Wilson as the next President of the United States.

"In Indianapolis," Mr. Gompers had said, "I took a poll of my audience and only two men were for Hughes. I will do the same thing here; those in favor of Wilson's reelection put up their hands."

About one-third of the audience responded immediately. A pause followed, and Mr. Gompers repeated his request. A few more scattered hands were raised. There were murmurs of surprise, cries of "Put up your hands!" and answering cries of "How about Benson?"

"Never mind Benson!" shouted Gompers. "Those who want Wilson put up their hands." No more hands were raised.

"Now for Hughes," said Gompers. "Who wants Hughes for President?"

All but thirteen feared out.

To the accompaniment of groans and hisses hands went up all over the house, only to fall again under the volume of catcalls and cries of "Shame!" About a score of sturdy Hughes supporters braved the torrent of criticism and held their hands high until Gompers announced:

"I will address my remarks to those thirteen men."

The labor leader then launched into a denunciation of the Republican party, criticizing former President Taft who he declared deferred giving his approval to the establishment of the Department of Labor until the final hours of his Administration, despite the pleas of Mr. Gompers and William Sulzer. He extolled President Wilson for appointing William B. Wilson Secretary of the Department of Labor and declared the President had achieved more in the way of progressive labor legislation than his two Republican predecessors, Taft and Roosevelt.

Says Wilson Will Wall Street
"Wall Street never will forget the blow it received from Wilson in the Federal Reserve act," he said. "The interests behind the Republican party never will forget the Clayton Anti-trust law, nor the seaman's bill, nor the child labor bill. And labor should not forget them, or the eight-hour law."

"Mr. Hughes condemns the Adamson law now—but his condemnation is an afterthought. He did not oppose it

when he might have done so successfully. One word from Hughes could have prevented the passage of the measure, as not one of the Republican Congressmen who voted for it would have done so if Hughes, the leader of the party, had said a word against it. But Hughes remained as quiet as the proverbial clam."

President Wilson's diplomatic tactics had gained as decisive a victory over Germany as could have been gained by force of arms, the labor leader declared. His Mexican policy had been demonstrated to be the only humanitarian course possible. The Mexicans were no more to blame for border troubles than the Americans, Gompers maintained.

Americans as Bandits
"There have been more raids by organized bands of Americans into Mexican territory than there have been Mexican raids into the United States," he said. "The newspapers of the United States do not publish accounts of these depredations."

Mr. Gompers denied the possibility of his "delivering" the labor vote to any candidate.

"I have one vote under my control and that's my own," he said. "That's going for Woodrow Wilson next Tuesday."

Frank Morrison, secretary of the Federation, appealed to the audience on the ground that President Wilson had "always stood by organized labor."

James O'Connell, second vice-president of the Federation, defied any one, anywhere to show one scratch of a pen, one written word—or one act that would imply that the American Federation of Labor had intimated that it would turn the labor vote over to any man.

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Expects to "Win in the Stretch"—Wilson Ahead of His Party

Cincinnati, Nov. 5.—This city is supposed to be one of the lairs of the hyphen, the German hyphen. So important, in the huge Republican majority which Hamilton County ordinarily rolls up, are these devoted adherents of the fatherland that it has been considered political wisdom to get along without the services of Theodore Roosevelt on the Cincinnati stump.

Now these citizens of Cincinnati of German birth or parentage, on whose activities the Democratic orators have been ringing the changes in a desperate effort to start—backfire against the rising rage at the foreign policy of Mr. Wilson, are naturally and normally Republicans. If there were no hyphen issue, if there had been no great war and if the only question of the campaign of 1916 were purely domestic, these German-Americans of Cincinnati would be voting the Republican ticket just the same.

Not Deceived About Hughes

Furthermore, there isn't a single German, or quickly learned in extremely frank conversations which they willingly take part in—not a single German who is under any delusion as to Mr. Hughes. They know what he would have done in the case of the Lusitania broken with the Kaiser. They reflect upon his name, Charles Evans Hughes, and find nothing Teutonic in any of those syllables. They consider his record and his speeches and find nothing to be sympathetic to the German system of government. But they do regard him as a man who means what he says and who will do what he says. They have come to despise Mr. Wilson as a man who does not mean what he says and who will not do what he says.

After all the German vote in this town is not so considerable as of itself it might appear. The result is much closer than seems probable. The German vote is important in three or four wards. It probably is not so important as the German vote of Buffalo, always assuming that there really is a big block of the electorate determined to vote as Germans. The Cincinnati hyphen has been made more important by the German campaign, more important than it really is. They have used it in an attempt to cloud in the minds of those who put America first the real issue of the campaign. Even in this city the German vote is in the same class with the religious vote and the labor vote, largely imaginary.

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Democratic candidate for United States Senator, charge that William M. Calder, the managers are responsible for what they call an unfair attempt to arouse prejudice against him in an eleven-hour letter just sent out to members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. In the letter it is charged that Mr. McCombs worked against the passage of the literacy bill at Washington.

The letter of public last night, said that the inference contained in the document was a slanderous misstatement, and that he knew nothing about the bill except what he had seen in the newspapers.

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